

Hardwoods like oaks and maples have higher moisture content in their leaves. They have an open, loose branching pattern with less resin or oil in the foliage. As a result, you want these trees closer to your home than the evergreens. Look below at trees we recommend. An added benefit of these species is the food, shelter, and nesting sites they provide our birds and wildlife. These trees and shrubs are easily maintained because they are drought-resistant, as well as being fire-resistant.

Recommended large-size trees:

- black cherry
- black gum
- hackberry
- honey locust
- oaks
- pecan
- sweetgum
- sycamore

Recommended Medium-size trees:

- apple and crabapples
- common persimmon
- dogwood
- Eastern redbud
- fringetree
- hophornbeam
- magnolia
- ornamental maples
- red maple
- serviceberry
- western soapberry
- wild plum

Recommended shrubs:

- American beautyberry
- crapemyrtle
- deciduous viburnums
- elderberry
- pyracantha
- witch hazel